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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

~ *My mother was the simplest creature you modern young folk could conceive, skilled only in simple household tasks. Her life was so charged with duties that they left room only for love, and that filled every vacant chink and corner.*

~Thomas Bailey Clegg, *The Love Child*, 1906

~*An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy.*

~Spanish proverb

~*What a happy and holy fashion it is that those who love one another should rest on the same pillow.*

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

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How to Crown a Husband by John T. Polk II

Proverbs 12:4: "An **excellent** wife is the crown of her husband, but she who causes shame is like **rottenness in his bones**."

"**Excellent**" shows this word means more than simply "virtuous, pure," but also spirited, spiritual, conscientious, devoted to her husband and children, intelligent, ingenious. No clearer picture is drawn of such a woman than in **Proverbs 31:10-31**, which will be dealt with in detail in another study.

When God made man, "the LORD God said, 'It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper

comparable to him'" (**Genesis 2:18**). The entire created world cannot satisfy the loneliness a man was designed to have. To meet this innate need, God made woman, and Solomon describes her as a crowning addition to the man. There is no question to believers in God's Word that: "He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the LORD" (**Proverbs 18:22**).

Men should be looking to find "a wife," not "women" in general! Men who disrespect the marriage commitment are men who disrespect women, and thus disrespect God! A "wife" (not any and every woman!) is "favor (grace) from the LORD," and a "good thing" for a husband! Men who reject marriage with a wife are rejecting the grace of God! It is no wonder, then, that: "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge." (**Hebrews 13:4**)

It is sin to have physically intimate relationships outside of marriage, and God will hold all accountable who engage in the practice without the purity of a marriage. Forbidding marriage (celibacy) or ignoring marriage (playboy) are both observed and condemned by God.

There is no substitute for "an excellent wife," for she shows her husband is richly blessed by God more than any other inheritance a man could have: "Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the LORD." (**Proverbs 19:14**)

"**Rottenness in his bones**" describes an untreatable condition, for it has sunk so deep into a man, it may never be cured. Spiritually speaking, "envy is rottenness to the bones" (**Proverbs 14:30**), which means it takes away strength to faithfully stand. If a "good wife" is a "good thing," then a "bad wife" is a "bad thing." Young men should not be on the prowl for animal gratification, but should be searching for "an excellent wife" with strength of character and spiritual conviction.

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Stand Up For Motherhood by Ron Bartanen

Is motherhood no longer sacred? Has a mother become no more than a flesh-and-blood incubator to bring a child into the world — providing anybody wants the child?

Motherhood was once regarded as the highest privilege God has given to humankind. For a woman to bear a child who was fathered by her husband was an occasion to be celebrated. Upon birth, the child would be nurtured by loving parents — a mother and father. They recognized and fully accepted their roles in providing for the needs of their children throughout their growing-up years. While for many this is still true (thank God!), yet it is not difficult to see a steady decline in esteeming motherhood in this manner.

I am concerned, that fathers often take little, if any, responsibility for their children; I will reserve comments on this for a later date. I believe God designed women especially to be nurturers. It is sad that economic situations have driven mothers from cradles to breadwinners. More sadly, however, is that many have turned the caring of the children over to others for reasons other than necessities of life. Some are elated as efforts are made to bring government into the process of child-rearing at the earliest age possible. Are we believing that the “village” (government) is better qualified for the training and education of children than loving parents? Schools are removing references to mothers and fathers in classes and schoolbooks. We are also being fed the lie that two people of the same sex are as capable of raising a child as a father and mother would be.

With the government’s approval of abortion, there has been a decline in the way in which a child is often viewed. A child in its mother’s womb has been described as “a blob of tissue,” somehow not yet a being of the human race. Such “tissue” can easily be discarded with government funding. After all, can we not respect a “woman’s choice”? I read that some time back 41% of pregnancies in New York City result in abortions and over 50% in the Bronx. Some now defend the idea of letting children who survive abortions die unassisted, or even killing them. The fact that should be evident is that

even women often do not value the fruit of their wombs. While abortion practitioners and government officials choose to ignore the humanity of the child in the womb, medical science — as well as Scripture — affirms it.

The Bible speaks of characteristics of the “last days” as including “without natural affection” (**2 Timothy 3:3**). It seems inconceivable that anyone would choose to kill a child, but I would think the least probable would be the mothers. I fear that this trend in devaluing marriage and human life will have fearful consequences for our nation. We need godly men and women who are willing to eschew “political correctness” and stand up for what is right. **Stand up for motherhood!**

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Rules For Rearing a Juvenile Delinquent - Part 1

NOTE: Taken from *The Eye Opener*, the official publication of Oklahoma State Penitentiary

- 1 - Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up believing the world owes him a living.
- 2 - When he picks up “bad words”, or “dirty words”, laugh at him. That will make him think he is cute. He will run off and pick up some more words that will blow the top off of your head.
- 3 - Never give him spiritual training until he is 21, then let him decide for himself. By the same logic, never teach him the English language. Maybe he will want to speak Bantu.
- 4 - Praise him in his presence to all the neighbors; show him how much smarter he is than the neighbor children,
- 5 - Avoid the use of the word “wrong.” It may develop in the child a guilt complex. This will prepare him to believe that when he is punished later on for stealing cars or assaulting women that society is “against” him and that he is being “persecuted.”
- 6 - Pick up everything after him, his shoes, his clothes. Do everything for him, so that he will be experienced in in throwing his burden on others.